

Should Morse code stay or go?

The arguments that it should go because WRC-03 lets it up each country decide is at best a cop-out. There are, I believe valid reasons to keep it, at least for the present time.

1: Morse code is just about the only universal language. It is about the only language that those that don't speak or understand a particular language can carry on a meaningful conversation with another.

2: The simplest circuits are all that are required for anyone to make a CW transceiver. you don't need a bottomless wallet to get on the air with CW.

3: I firmly believe that the highest level of amateur radio license, at the very least, should leave the requirement intact. Of late the fastest growing segment in the Amateur Radio Service. The Morse code requirement hasn't been a deterrent to increasing numbers of Amateur Extras.

4: National security: Yes, other comments state the same thing, and even though some services may have abandon CW as a mode of communications, not everyone has. Our foes can and do use it. And as stated, they can use it against us.

If the public at large doesn't know Morse, what better way for insurgents to communicate.

Morse is an art that can be learned easily, and is a very efficient use of the radio spectrum.

Also as I stated, it is very easy, and inexpensive to make a CW transceiver.